

TESTIMONY OF DAVID E. NOMSEN

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REPRESENTING THE VIEWS OF:

ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES

DUCKS UNLIMITED

IZAACK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA

PHEASANTS FOREVER

THEODORE ROOSEVELT CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP

BEFORE THE:

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION, ENERGY, AND FORESTRY

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Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee, my name is Dave Nomsen. I am the Vice-president of Governmental Affairs with St. Paul, MN based Pheasants Forever and I reside in Garfield, MN. I am a professional wildlife biologist with expertise in wildlife and Farm Bill conservation policies and programs.

I am here today representing the 700 nationwide chapters of Pheasants and Quail Forever and our 140,000 members. These chapters complete on average more than 30,000 individual projects annually with conservation minded farmers and ranchers on 300,000 acres. The vast majority of these projects is completed on private lands and involves grassland establishment and management. Projects involve the establishment of nesting, brood rearing, and winter cover for pheasants, quail, and a wide array of wildlife.

Collectively, our members and supporters represent a sizable cross-section of our nations' citizenry, and we appreciate the increased role and importance of conservation in agriculture and its role in private land stewardship that has led to consensus and partnerships among government and private interests, farm and commodity groups, individual farmers and ranchers, and hunters and anglers.

I am pleased today to not only offer our views but also those of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Ducks Unlimited, Izaak Walton League of America, Pheasants Forever, and the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership.

While we all know that conservation programs protect the soil, clean the water and create abundant wildlife habitat, what we often overlook is the economic activity generated through conservation. For example, hunters and anglers spend approximately \$86.1 billion pursuing their passions every year. Wildlife watchers spend roughly \$51.3 billion each year. These expenditures include everything from rods and reels, guns, ammunition, boats, decoys, bows and arrows and tree stands, to hotel stays and dinners in small rural towns across the country. Jobs related to these expenditures are important, especially in the small, rural towns throughout America, and most importantly, these are jobs that stay at home and cannot be exportable to other countries. In South Dakota alone the total economic value of just pheasant hunting has

been estimated at \$253 million dollars per year. Adequately funded conservation title programs protect both the hunting and angling economy as well as our agricultural and rural economy. It's equally important to note that during these increasingly difficult times, sportsmen spending generates \$406 million in federal taxes per year and state and local taxes of \$378 million per year. Conservation programs like CRP and WRP help provide the backbone to support the diversity of wildlife that drives this essential sector of our economy. So, when you are weighing how much and which programs to cut in the upcoming farm bill debate, and we all understand that that needs to be done, remember, when you save money from reducing conservation programs, there is a direct cost to the outdoor related sports industry through loss of opportunities and loss of jobs in addition to lessened levels of soil, water, and wildlife conservation on the landscape.

It is our view that even with possible cuts to conservation title programs of up to nearly \$6 billion dollars as was outlined by Committee leadership in last falls super committee process, that completing a farm bill now is our top priority.

Sportsmen and sportswomen support a farm bill conservation title that is driven by proven successful programs including the Conservation (CRP) and Wetlands Reserve (WRP) programs, working lands programs including the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) and others. The Voluntary Public Access Habitat Incentives Program (VPA-HIP) is a relatively new program as part of the 2008 Farm Bill; however, this program has quickly become a top priority program encouraging landowners to allow access to private lands for hunting. Landowners are encouraged to incorporate wildlife friendly management practices and landowners benefit from reduced levels of liability. VPA-HIP supported state access programs like the SD "Open Fields" or Nebraska's CRP-Managed Access Program support strong rural communities as well as our nation's hunting heritage. These are all examples of voluntary incentive-based programs that help our nation's farmer and rancher stewards with projects and practices that improve water quality, reduce soil erosion, and enhance and protect wildlife habitat. All Americans benefit from a strong suite of conservation programs.

Given the likelihood the successful CRP program will be reduced further by several million acres, it's important to continue to target remaining and new CRP lands to maximize benefits.

We strongly support continuation of the CRP- State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (CRP-SAFE) practices that are now in 36 states and more than 900,000 acres. SAFE is an excellent example of CRP in harmony with existing farming and ranching operations. I would caution the Committee, however, that without continued efforts to keep CRP economically competitive and viable, the program will continue to decline in areas of the country like the northern plains. Additionally, we support language encouraging maintaining the soil, water, and wildlife benefits from expired CRP lands that exit the program. Some lands should be transferred to easement programs like WRP and GRP, other lands should become priority enrollment in working lands programs like EQIP and CSP. USDA should be directed to maintain all possible acreages in various CCRP and CREP programs to continue CRP's environmental and wildlife legacy.

We are strong supporters of the successful Wetlands Reserve Program and urge the Committee to provide mandatory baseline funding for a WRP-like program in the 2012 Farm Bill. The Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) has been instrumental in helping farmers find better uses for those extremely difficult places to farm. WRP has enabled farmers and ranchers to restore vital wetlands on their property, improving water quality and providing vital wildlife habitat for not only waterfowl, but threatened and endangered wildlife as well. Funds from WRP provides a great tool for producers to invest in more and better tillable acres, while deriving many other benefits from their WRP acres.

The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) has also been a proven successful program. As the Committee debates streamlining and improving efficiencies, consider language supporting waivers for certain participants and state lands that would benefit an agricultural producer.

Farmers and ranchers, conservationists and sportsmen, and all citizens have much to gain from successful, sustainable farming that conserves soil, water and wildlife. The regional partnership program developed in the Super Committee report is a great idea that needs to find its way in this next Farm Bill. Regional partnerships fueled by local diverse interest groups and supported by federal, state and private funders, are a key to accomplish watershed approaches and solutions that will yield a good farm economy and a healthy sustainable environment. I encourage the House Agricultural Committee to include the Regional Partnership Program in this next Farm

Bill. Following is a current summary of the Pheasants Forever Farm Bill Biologist partnership program:

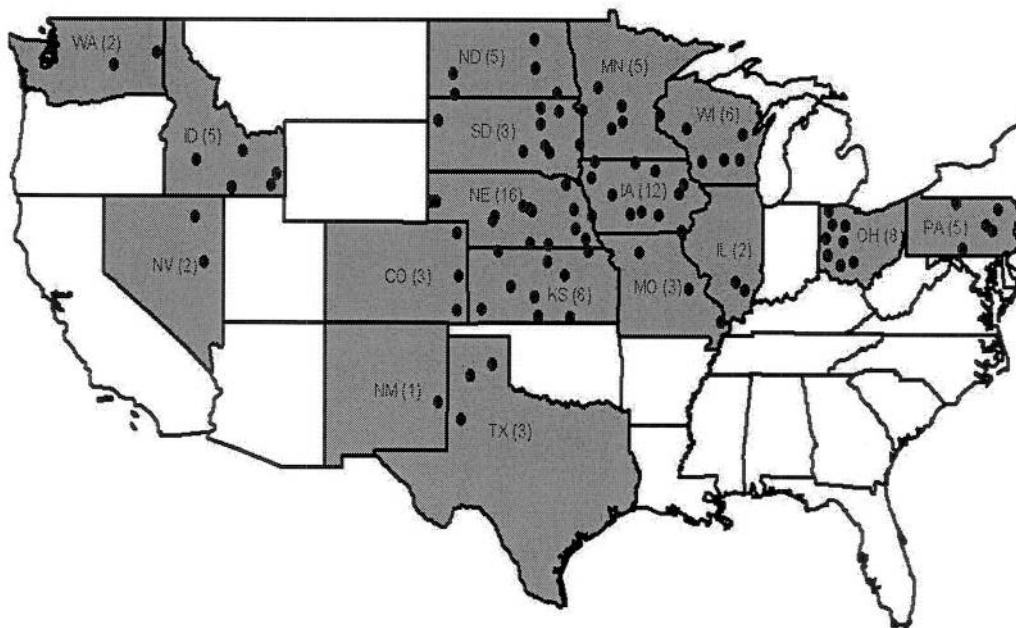
- Pheasants Forever (PF) and Quail Forever (QF) Farm Bill Biologist (FBB) Program started in South Dakota in 2003 with 4 positions; there are currently 98 partnership positions in 17 states. Since inception, these biologists have made over 70,000 landowner contacts impacting 2.2 Million acres.
- Funding sources are diverse, and the effort would not be possible without the financial support from State Fish and Wildlife Agencies, USDA – NRCS (contribution agreements or contracts), USFWS, Joint Ventures, Local PF/QF chapters, watershed groups, foundations, and various other state and local partners. FSA is also a key partner.
- With the increasing wildlife focus as part of the Farm Bill and various state initiatives (i.e. NRCS National Initiatives, State Wildlife Action Plans), FBB's add wildlife technical assistance capacity in USDA offices. They assist NRCS/FSA and other conservation partners maximize the benefits conservation practices provide on a landscape scale.
- Our biologists may become involved in other opportunities such as, expanding private land acres open to the public through the USDA Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program (VPA-HIP), we currently host 3 positions in PA.
- In August 2011, PF entered into an agreement with the Intermountain West Joint Venture, USFWS, and NRCS to assist in the delivering the NRCS Sage Grouse Initiative (SGI). PF will host positions and provide administrative/financial assistance for all SGI positions in 11 states. PF is also assisting with the Lesser Prairie Chicken Initiative with 3 new positions in TX, and 1 in NM.

State	Year Implemented	Number of Biologists
South Dakota	2003	8
Nebraska ^a	2004	16
Minnesota	2004	9
Ohio	2005	8

Wisconsin	2007	6
North Dakota	2008	5
Iowa	2009	12
Illinois	2010	2
Kansas	2010	8
Colorado	2010	3
Idaho	2010	5
Pennsylvania	2011	5
Missouri ^b	2005 – 2008, 2011	3
Washington	2011	2
Nevada	2011	2
Texas	2011	3
New Mexico	2011	1
Total		98

^a Nebraska also implemented a Coordinating Wildlife Biologist Program in 2007 that utilizes different partnerships to coordinate conservation program delivery.

^b Three year position, 2005 – 2008 that completed partnership agreement, this became a permanent private lands position within the State Wildlife Agency. Partnership was renewed in 2011 for 3 new positions.



Mr. Chairman, it is the combination of both programs and policies that is important as the overall funding levels from previous years are decreased. We support continuing policies for sodbuster, swampbuster, and conservation compliance. Conservation compliance provisions can provide reasonable levels of support for soil and water resources and we support tying these provisions to all forms of federal support including crop insurance. Copied below is a recent letter in support of a strong sodsaver provision to help protect critical native prairie resources. We recognize and appreciate this Committee's past efforts in this area and hope that the 2012 Farm Bill will build upon those efforts and strengthen provisions to help landowners make sound land-use decisions.

American Fisheries Society * American Fly Fishing Tackle Association * American Sportfishing Association * Archery Trade Association * Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies * Berkley Conservation Institute * Boone & Crockett Club * Conservation Force * Delta Waterfowl Foundation * Ducks Unlimited * Izaak Walton League of America * Mule Deer Foundation * National Shooting Sports Foundation * Orion the Hunter's Institute * Pheasants Forever * Public Lands Foundation * Quail Forever * Quality Deer Management Association * The Nature Conservancy * The Wildlife Society * Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership * Trout Unlimited * Whitetails Unlimited * Wild Sheep Foundation * Wildlife Forever * Wildlife Management Institute

April 13, 2012

The Honorable Debbie Stabenow

U.S. Senator

Chair, U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee

328A Russell Senate Office Building

Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Pat Roberts

U.S. Senator

Ranking Member, U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee

109 Hart Senate Office Building

Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Stabenow and Roberts:

Our organizations represent millions of hunter and angler conservationists, scientists, and outdoor enthusiasts who are closely following the important debate over the upcoming Farm Bill reauthorization. We appreciate your bipartisan cooperation last summer in concluding draft Farm Bill recommendations for the so-called Super Committee, and urge you to continue in that vein to support strong conservation provisions robustly funded, as reauthorization proceeds through regular order. We write you today to respectfully request that you include a strong sodsaver provision in the next Farm Bill, modeled on the provisions of the Senate floor-passed version of the Farm Bill passed December 14, 2007, H.R. 2419, the Food and Energy Security Act of 2007.

Farmers have long been some of the nation's foremost conservationists. As you move forward to write a new Farm Bill, it will be important to include effective economic support programs that will allow farmers to continue farming in uncertain times and ensure that farmland will not be developed for other uses that are incompatible with conservation. At the same time, it will be equally important to link those support programs to basic, sensible conservation provisions, such as sodsaver, to encourage responsible stewardship of agricultural land and direct program benefits to acreage that is most suited for crop production. With budget pressure on existing USDA conservation programs increasing, linking basic farm support programs to reasonable conservation requirements makes sense.

In conclusion, we strongly believe it is vital that the Farm Bill include effective economic support programs and that those programs be coupled with a strong sodsaver provision. Doing so will promote continued excellent stewardship of America's farmlands and foster production of crops, clean water and abundant

populations of fish and wildlife. Thank you for your sincere consideration of our request, and we look forward to working with you in the coming months to achieve that goal.

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Mr. Chairman, that concludes my testimony. Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

**Committee on Agriculture
U.S. House of Representatives
Required Witness Disclosure Form**

House Rules* require nongovernmental witnesses to disclose the amount and source of Federal grants received since October 1, 2008.

Name: David Nomsen

Organization you represent (if any): Pheasants Forever, Inc. and Quail Forever

1. Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants and subcontracts) you have received since October 1, 2008, as well as the source and the amount of each grant or contract. House Rules do **NOT** require disclosure of federal payments to individuals, such as Social Security or Medicare benefits, farm program payments, or assistance to agricultural producers:

Source: N/A Amount:

Source: Amount:

2. If you are appearing on behalf of an organization, please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants and subcontracts) the organization has received since October 1, 2008, as well as the source and the amount of each grant or contract:

Source: See Attached Amount:

Source: Amount:

Please check here if this form is NOT applicable to you:

Signature:

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PHEASANTS FOREVER, INC.
FEDERAL GRANTS/CONTRACTS RECEIVED
10/1/2008 - PRESENT

Grant or Contract Title/Purpose	Federal Funding Agency	Contract Date	Contract Amount
<u>Federal Funds Received through Non-federal Agencies/Organizations:</u>			
NAWCA Harvey Dunn Grassland Preservation Project Phase II (SD)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	11/21/2008	1,000,000
NRCS OH Farm Bill Biologists	Dept of Agriculture - NRCS	12/31/2008	144,000
National CP33 Monitoring Mississippi State Univ (MS)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	1/1/2009	37,500
NAWCA Iowa PP Upland H.E.P. (IA)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	3/2/2009	75,000
NAWCA Swan Lake Minnesota (MN)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	3/2/2009	75,000
NAWCA Sacred Heart Wetlands (MN)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	3/2/2009	75,000
NAWCA Iowa Prairie Rivers Wetland (IA)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	3/2/2009	75,000
NRCS ND Farm Bill Biologists (ND)	Dept of Agriculture - NRCS	3/6/2009	21,417
NRCS SD Farm Bill Biologists (SD)	Dept of Agriculture - NRCS	3/20/2009	66,000
Recovery Act - ARRA Beaver Restoration (OH)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	7/1/2009	70,000
NAWCA Central Minnesota Grasslands (MN)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	7/14/2009	75,000
NAWCA Lower Minnesota Valley II (MN)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	7/15/2009	1,000,000
NAWCA Melville Hallie Marsh Wildlife (WI)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	7/20/2009	75,000
NAWCA Springwater Farms (IL)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	7/21/2009	75,000
NAWCA Habitat Wheel (IL)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	7/31/2009	75,000
Williamsport Dam Removal	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	8/1/2009	35,000
NAWCA Muskegon River Watershed Wetland & Grassland Enh (MI)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	8/12/2009	75,000
NRCS WI Farm Bill Technical Assistance (WI)	Dept of Agriculture - NRCS	8/31/2009	185,000
NRCS ND Farm Bill Technical Assistance (ND)	Dept of Agriculture - NRCS	9/1/2009	247,344
NRCS OH Farm Bill Technical Assistance (OH)	Dept of Agriculture - NRCS	9/23/2009	840,504
NAWCA Border Prairie II (MN)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	11/12/2009	1,000,000
NRCS SD Farm Bill Biologist Tech Assistance (SD)	Dept of Agriculture - NRCS	12/21/2009	60,000
E.B. Forsythe Wildlife Refuge IDIQ ARRA (NJ)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	1/4/2010	184,235
USFWS Assoc of Fish & Wildlife Agencies	Dept of Interior - US Fish and Wildlife Svc	1/18/2010	72,200
NAWCA Lee Hofer	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	1/27/2010	25,000
NRCS Farm Bill Biologists Technical Assistance (CO)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	2/1/2010	80,000
NAWCA Harvey Dunn Grassland Preservation (SD)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	3/25/2010	1,000,000
NRCS KS Farm Bill Technical Assistance (KS)	Dept of Agriculture - NRCS	4/1/2010	302,084
NAWCA SD Prairie Coteau II (SD)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	5/7/2010	825,000
NAWCA Chippewa County (WI)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	6/25/2010	75,000
PFW Habitat Development Agreement Ionia HS (MI)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	6/30/2010	1,950
IDFG Cooperative South Idaho (ID)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	7/1/2010	30,000
PFW Habitat Development Agreement Cottonwood (MN)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	7/16/2010	1,000
PFW Habitat Development Agreement Brown (MN)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	7/16/2010	25,000
NAWCA Big Kandi WPA (MN)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	7/22/2010	75,000
NAWCA Kirby Addition to Chub Lake WMA Complex (MN)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	7/22/2010	75,000
NAWCA Dekalb County Potholes (IL)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	7/23/2010	75,000
NAWCA Otter Lake (IL)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	8/5/2010	75,000
NAWCA Prairie Storm WPA Addition (MN)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	8/5/2010	75,000
USFWS - PFW Region 1	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	8/9/2010	15,000
USFWS Partners For Wildlife Region 6 (NE)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	8/25/2010	60,000
PFW Habitat Development Agreement Kandiyohi (MN)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	8/31/2010	7,500
USFWS - Partners For Wildlife Region 6 (SD)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	9/7/2010	303,960
PFW Habitat Development Agreement Lincoln (MN)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	9/23/2010	3,316
PFW Habitat Development Agreement Renville (MN)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	9/24/2010	4,000
Habitat Development Agmt. Clay City (MN)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	11/9/2010	13,800
PLJV USFWS Mobile Prescribed Burn Unit (NE)	Dept of Interior - US Fish and Wildlife Svc	12/15/2010	20,000
PFW Habitat Development Agreement Kandiyohi (MN)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	12/21/2010	2,500
USFWS Faims Agreement	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	1/1/2011	200,000
NRCS National Pheasant Fest 2010	Dept of Agriculture - NRCS	1/11/2011	12,500
NRCS National Pheasant Fest 2011	Dept of Agriculture - NRCS	1/26/2011	10,000
PFW Habitat Development Agreement Waseca (MN)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	4/8/2011	8,000
NRCS CO Farm Bill Biologists (CO)	Dept of Agriculture - NRCS	4/16/2011	120,000
PFW Habitat Development Agreement Dakota (MN)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	5/10/2011	5,000
NFWF NM Private Lands Biologist Partnership (NM)	Dept of Agriculture - NRCS	6/1/2011	84,048
NFWF NM Private Lands Biologist Partnership (NM)	Dept of Interior - Bureau of Land Mgmt	6/1/2011	212,076
LEP Discovery Cards Curriculum (MN)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	7/13/2011	37,406
NAWCA Marsh Road ACQ & Restoration (WI)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	7/14/2011	51,500
NAWCA Madrena WMA (MN)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	7/14/2011	75,000
NAWCA Ras-Lynn Waterflow Complex (MN)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	7/14/2011	75,000
NAWCA Wild Wings WMA Addition (MN)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	7/14/2011	75,000
NAWCA Rich Valley WMA Addition (MN)	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	7/20/2011	75,000
NRCS PA Farm Bill Biologists (PA)	Dept of Agriculture - NRCS	7/25/2011	150,000
NRCS WRP Restoration Jefferson County (ID)	Dept of Agriculture - NRCS	7/25/2011	513,577
NRCS MN Farm Bill Technical Assistance (MN)	Dept of Agriculture - NRCS	8/4/2011	200,000
Sage Grouse Initiative Strategic Watershed Action Teams	Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	8/8/2011	3,899,585
NRCS TX Farm Bill Technical Assistance (TX)	Dept of Agriculture - NRCS	8/12/2011	354,000

Idaho Watershed Initiative Project (ID)
 PFW Private Lands Restoration (WI)
 NRCS SD Farm Bill Technical Assistance (SD)
 USFWS Ohio Edge Habitat (OH)
 PFW Habitat Development Agreement Cooperative Restoration (MN)
 NRCS WI Farm Bill Technical Assistance (WI)
 NRCS MO Farm Bill Technical Assistance (MO)
 NRCS ND Farm Bill Technical Assistance (ND)
 NRCS IA Farm Bill Technical Assistance (IA)
 NRCS SD Farm Bill Technical Assistance (SD)
 NRCS WA Farm Bill Technical Assistance (WA)
 NAWCA Tony Dean's Acres (SD)

Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	8/18/2011	55,000
Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	8/30/2011	68,000
Dept of Agriculture - NRCS	9/1/2011	711,563
Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	9/2/2011	10,000
Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	9/12/2011	100,000
Dept of Agriculture - NRCS	9/12/2011	205,000
Dept of Agriculture - NRCS	9/12/2011	110,000
Dept of Agriculture - NRCS	9/19/2011	48,649
Dept of Agriculture - NRCS	9/20/2011	360,000
Dept of Agriculture - NRCS	9/20/2011	130,000
Dept of Agriculture - NRCS	9/30/2011	41,075
Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	3/9/2012	1,000,000

Subtotal

\$ 17,805,288

Federal Funds Received through Non-federal Agencies/Organizations:

NAWCA South Central WI Prairie Pothole Phase IV (WI)
 NAWCA Upper MN River Valley (MN)
 NAWCA Upper MN River Valley Phase II (MN)
 NRCS IL Farm Bill Technical Assistance (IL)
 Habitat Restoration of WMAs (NE)
 Habitat Management Technical Assistance (NE)
 Open Fields and Waters - Habitat Incentive (NE)
 NAWCA South Central Wisconsin Prairie Pothole Phase V (WI)

Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	5/21/2008	50,000
Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	8/1/2008	153,487
Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	12/4/2008	950,000
Dept of Agriculture - NRCS	11/10/2009	258,977
Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	2/1/2010	1,060,721
Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	5/1/2010	1,317,450
Dept of Agriculture - FSA	6/1/2011	1,000,000
Dept of Interior - US Fish & Wildlife Service	9/20/2011	100,000

Subtotal

\$ 4,890,635

Total

\$ 22,695,923

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Information Required From Nongovernmental Witnesses

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Nomsen _____
2. Organization you represent: _____ Pheasants Forever,
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3. Please list any occupational, employment, or work-related experience you have
which add to your qualification to provide testimony before the Committee: _____
Previous work on Farm Bill conservation
programs _____

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which add to your qualifications to provide testimony before the Committee: _____
_MS Wildlife Management, South Dakota State University

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____ Vice-president of Governmental Affairs

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